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ACT No. 841

HOUSE BILL NO. 1165

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.141, relative to motor vehicle special prestige license plates; to honor
3 the 2009 World Champion New Orleans Saints; to provide for the creation and
4 issuance of such plates; to provide for the design of such plates; to provide relative
5 to the fee and application of the fee for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of
6 rules and regulations; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.141 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §463.141. Special prestige license plate; "World Champion New Orleans Saints";
10 distribution of royalty fees

11 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall
12 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to commemorate the New
13 Orleans Saints World Football Champions for the 2009 season, provided that there
14 is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such plates. The license plate shall be
15 restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

16 B. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any person,
17 in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

1 C. The license plate shall be designed by the New Orleans Saints in
2 consultation with the state of Louisiana, through the office of motor vehicles.

3 D. The charge for the special prestige license plate shall be the standard
4 motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII, Section 5 of the Constitution of
5 Louisiana plus an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars for each plate, to be
6 collected by the department every two years upon renewal of the plate. A handling
7 fee of three dollars and fifty cents shall also be charged and retained by the
8 department to offset a portion of administrative cost.

9 E. The first three hundred plates shall be reserved for purchase at the
10 direction of the New Orleans Saints.

11 F. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and deposited
12 into the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District License Plate Fund. The money
13 received from the royalty fees shall be used solely to pay debt service on state debt
14 issued to fund improvements to the Louisiana Superdome.

15 G. There is hereby created, as a special fund within the state treasury, the
16 Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District License Plate Fund, hereafter sometimes
17 referred to as the "Fund". Notwithstanding any other provision of law, after
18 compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of
19 Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund, and after a sufficient
20 amount is allocated to pay all of the obligations secured by the full faith and credit
21 of the state which become due and payable within any fiscal year, the treasurer shall
22 pay an amount equal to the annual royalty fee collected by the department into the
23 Fund. All of the monies in the Fund shall be appropriated each year by the
24 legislature to the Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District for application first to
25 pay principal and interest on any debt issued by the Louisiana Stadium and
26 Exposition District and second to pay any operating expenses of the Louisiana
27 Stadium and Exposition District.

28 H. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to
29 implement the provisions of this Section.

1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010; if vetoed by the governor
2 and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on July 1,
3 2010, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____